

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Powder is fed into the die cavities 132 in the fill zone 102. The powder may preferably consist of a medicant optionally containing various excipients, such as binders, disintegrants, lubricants, fillers and the like, as is conventional, or other particulate material of a medicinal or non-medicinal nature, such as inactive placebo blends for tabletting, confectionery blends, and the like. One particularly preferred formulation comprises medicant, powdered wax (such as shellac wax, microcrystalline wax, polyethylene glycol, and the like), and optionally disintegrants and lubricants and is described in more detail in commonly assigned co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/966,493, entitled "Immediate Release Tablet" (~~attorney docket number MCP-274~~) which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 19A through 19D illustrate a preferred embodiment of the compression frame. As shown in Figure 19D19B, the frame comprises a throat 179 and two arms 178. The arms 178 forms an oblique angle Ω with respect to the axial axis of the rollers A-A. As shown in Figures 19B and 19D despite deflection of the frame ~~and~~ and displacement Δ of the rollers, the rollers remain horizontal. An additional advantage of this construction is a significantly greater free space angle ϕ , as shown in Figure 19A. This compression frame configuration can also advantageously pivot about an axis away from the compression module to allow for access or removal of the die table.